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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7474**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 534

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 24, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 23, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Online Voter Registration.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Lawson C

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Battles

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed Senate

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) The bill permits, after June 30, 2010, an individual who possesses a current and valid Indiana driver's license or identification card to: (1) submit a voter registration application; or (2) update information in the individual's existing voter registration record; online by use of a secure Internet web site.

The bill establishes procedures for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) and a county voter registration office (CVRO) to process an application or information submitted to the web site. The bill provides that an eligible applicant who submits a complete application online not later than midnight on the twenty-ninth day before an election shall be registered to vote in the election.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) *Summary:* SOS- The estimated cost for a secure Internet web site is currently indeterminable, and ultimately would depend on the contract arranged between the Secretary of State (SOS) and a vendor to provide the web site. Cost could perhaps be reduced, if the SOS were able to place voter registry access within their current web site.

BMV- The BMV would require additional administrative time to process and compare voter registry information from the SOS's web site with the BMV database.

The bill does not make an appropriation, therefore, the SOS and BMV would have to carry out their components within their existing level of resources.

Background Information- SOS- The SOS reverted \$155,800 to the General Fund at the end of FY 2008.

BMV- The BMV operating accounts reverted a total of \$0.96 M at the close of FY 2008.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Summary-* CVRO- It is likely, CVRO's would be able to process online voting applications within their current level of resources.

(Revised) *Background on Procedure-* Once residency has been established by the BMV via a valid driver's license or identification card, the BMV would forward the voter applicant information to the appropriate CVRO via the computerized statewide voter registration list. The CVRO would process the information of the voter applicant as allowed under current election law.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** SOS, Election Division, BMV.

**Local Agencies Affected:** CVRO's.

**Information Sources:** Indiana State Budget Agency: *General and Rainy Day Fund Summaries, June 30, 2008.*

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